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Executive for Administration &amp; Management

Assistant Director for Operations

Native Personnel Ceiling, London Bureau, FBIS

Ref. : Memorandum to Executive for A & M through Assistant Director for Operations from Chief, FBIS, dated 1 November 1948, Subject: FBIS Communications.

1. On 27 October 1948 the Chief, FBIS and the Chief, Army Communications Service concluded an agreement whereby FBIS would be granted partial use of one ATAT circuit between New York and London leased by the Army. Use of this circuit permits FBIS to transmit approximately 35,000 words daily from London to Washington and from 5,000 to 20,000 words daily from Washington to London at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 for the remainder of fiscal year 1949. It is believed that this agreement will result in considerable monetary saving to CIA. It will permit direct FBIS communications between London and Washington rather than through Frankfurt. The Army will use the new circuit jointly with FBIS for its traffic to Frankfurt and to the office of the Military Attache in London.

2. Because of the fact that FBIS was the only London user with sufficient technical equipment to immediately handle the above-named traffic, the circuit was terminated in its London wire room. The London wire room, FBIS is required to:

a. Transmit and receive FBIS daily wordage outlined in paragraph one above.

b. Act as tape relay station for the office of the Military Attache in London.

c. File a large amount of military traffic to Frankfurt.

3. Since the additional traffic outlined above has increased the workload beyond the capacity of the present Bureau teletype staff the services of one additional teletypist is required. It is therefore requested that the London Bureau native personnel ceiling be increased from 24 to 25 for the remaining quarters of fiscal year 1949.

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